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HAMBURG, West Germany, Jan. 15—Informed sources said tonight the second installment of William Manchester's "The Death of a President," being published here Monday describes how an exhausted President Kennedy parted from his wife on the eve of his assassination.

The sources said Manchester's book related that, in their long embrace before they parted, Mr. Kennedy and his wife were so weary that they were really supporting each other—"like a couple of bookends," Jacqueline Kennedy thought.

The sources said the description would be published in the illustrated magazine Der Stern although Look magazine, holders of the American rights, largely deleted it from its version after objections by Mrs. Kennedy.

The informed sources said the disputed passage to be published Monday would describe the scene in a Fort Worth, Tex., hotel room where Mrs. Kennedy, ready to retire, had joined her husband.

But they could not stay together because the President's aides had removed the double mattress and replaced it with a single sleeping board for Mr. Kennedy, who suffered from a wartime back injury.

The sources said that the President lay down on the bed, saying he had a devil of a stomach ache, and told his wife not to stay with him.

He said he had to make a breakfast speech and she could remain in bed in the morning, according to the sources.

Mrs. Kennedy said goodnight and went out, sad that she was parted from her husband, the sources said.